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FRIGHTFUL RAILROAD DISASTER

On the Philadelphia & Rending Railroad ... Express and Excursion Trains Come Together.

OVER TWENTY-FIVE KILLED

And Fifty Injured .-- Three Cars Ploughed Through, Completely Wreeking Them

SCENES AROUND THE WRECK

Are Reported to be Beyond the Power of Description --- A Terrible Calamity.

READING, Pa., May 13,-Shortly bebre 10 o'clock last night a collision of passenger trains occurred on the Philadelphia & Reading at Exeter Station, six miles below Reading. The express train which should have left here at 8:30 p. m. for Philadelphia, was behind schedule time in leaving and stopped at Exeter for orders. A special train from Harrisburg, bearing excursionists who had attended the Hartrenft monument unveiling at the capital, left here twen y minutes later than the express train and at Exeter while proceeding at grapid speed crashed into the express Several cars of the express train were wrecked and a number of persons are reported killed.

The number of dead is fully twentyfive, and the injured fifty. The first rain ploughed through three cars of the forward train, completely wrecking them. Eight dead were brought here at 1 a. m. A score are under the debris. A train load of wounded were brought t the hospitals here. Great excitement prevails throughout the city. The railread officials offer no explanation of the accident. The coroner will institute in vestigation at once. Returning passenfround the wreck are of the most fear-

Snortly before midnight a train bearing nurses and doctors was sent to the scene of the wreck. Exeter is a flag station and has no telephone communication. It is stated that the passengers on the second train were mostly from Norristown, and that several from that borough were killed and many injured.

Among the dead are: Captain Street, of Philadelphia; John Leaf, Montgomery county; William Slater, George Shaw, John Slingluff, Frank Showers, Samuel Beatty, Milton Lewis and Hen ry Wentz, all of Norristown.

Details Difficult to Obtain

There is no telegraph office at Exeter and details therefore are difficult to obtain at this writing. The number killed is variously stated to be from fifteen to twenty-five. Fully fifty others are injured.

The regular express train from Potts-ville for Philadelphia connected at the station in Reading with a train from darrisburg, which was crowded with excusionists who had been to the state capital to witness the ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of the Hartranft monument. Many of the Harrisburg passengers at Reading went aboard the Philadelphia express, but it being found that all could not be accommodated, it was decided to send an extra train to Philadelphia to run as the second section of the express. The exthe express. At Exeter the express stopped for orders and while standing still the extra train crashed into it while moving at great speed. Three of the rear cars of the express were telescoped and the first car of the extra train was also wrecked. The passengers in these cars were terribly man gled, many being killed outright, while others had limbs and bodies maimed Word was at once sent to Reading and a special train with physicians and turses was sent to the scene as soon as it could possibly be put in readiness.

The identified killed are: P. Leaf, Montgomery county; William Staler, Norristown; Colonel George Shaw, Nurristown: John Slingluff, Norristown John Johnson, Mt. Clair, William Lewis, Morristown, George Sowers, Norrislown; George H. Andis, Norristown:

Harry Wentz, Norristown, Samuel Bitty, Conshehocken; Harry Thompton, Norristown; Hiram Shelly, Halbo to; Benton Silvie, Reading.

SOME OF THE INJURED

Taken to Philadelphia-Senator Pen rose's Narrow Escape.

PHILADELPHIA, Pann., May 13.future. The Pottsville express, which was run into at Exeter, arrived here after midlight, with a few of the injured. They

George W. Kucker, common council man of the Twentieth ward, this city, injured about the legs.

Farnels T. Steinbeck, Camden, N. J., about the head and bruised about

C. A. Beaver, Philadelphia, arm bruis el and head cut. B. Barney, Philadelphia, leg, arm and

hip hadly brutsed. The passengers could give no connect

ed story of the wreck and the number of dead and injured was not known to any of them.

United States Senator Boles Penros and General E. Burd Grubb were pasin the Pullman car of the Wracked train. The rear end of the car

and the two gentlemen though badly

ALWAYS A MARRING VOICE

In Every Gathering—Some Opposition Expressed in Confederate Reunion to President McKinley's Magnani mous Proposition.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 12,-The Inited Confederate Veterans to-day elected the following officers for the nsuing year:

Commander-in-Chief, General John B lordon; commander of the department of Northern Virginia, General Wade Hampton; commander of Tennessee General Stephen D. Lee; commander of the department Trans-Mississippi, General W. L. Cabell.

In accepting, General Gordon said there was now Confederate camps. in Boston, New York, Chicago and Columbus, Ohio.

W. J. Colquitt, of Atlanta, was today elected commander-in-chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. His only opponent was Robert E. Lee, of

The report of the historical committee was read at the morning session and

was read at the morning ession and was adopted.
Robert Lee, fr., grandson of General Robert Lee, fr., grandson of General Robert Lee, the was introduced to the convention, and then Dr. J. L. M. Curry addressed the gathering, reviewing the conditions that caused the war.
The committee on resolutions then reported the substitute for the resolution on the Federal care of Confederate graves, recommending the "United Confederate Veterans record their sincere appreciation of the ultreance of the President of the United States in Atlanta, in December last, concerning the assumption of the care of graves of our Confederate dead by the national government," and declaring that "We shall welcome any legislation which shall result in the care of the graves of our conrades in the northern states by our government."

Rev. Taylor Martin, of Pulnski, Va.

. Taylor Martin, of Pulaski, Va. Rev. Faylor Martin, of Pulaski, Va. spoke against the adoption of the re-port. He said the veterans had nothing to do with any suggestion from the President, and they would never be placed in the attitude of being under bligations to the government that slee outhern men. The discussion then grew very bitter

nd great confusion followed,
"There's too much McKinleyism in shouted a veteran from the audince. Various expressions followed als, many of them bitter and sensaonal. The report was finally adopted with

PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

Will Break Its Visit to Hot Springs, Virginia, by a Trip to the Natural Bridge.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., May 12,-The residential party will break its visit re to-morrow morning, by a trip to Natural Bridge, Va. The train upon which they reached here has been lying on a siding and will be used for the trip. Besides President and Mrs. Mc-Kinler, the party will include Secretary and Mrs. Gage, Dr. and Mrs. Rixey, Assistant Secretary Cortelyou, Mr. Barnes. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ingalls, Mr. and Mrs, Schmidlatt, and Mr, and Mrs, Col-ston, of Cincinnati. The train will leave at S:15 a. m., going through Coving-ton and Clifton Forge. The run is about 105 miles and will take about three and one-half hours. The party will be met at the station with car-riages. It is expected that about two, hours will be given to sight-seeing and, the return, will begin in time to bring the party back to the Homestead for dinner. Mrs. Schmidlatt, and Mr. and Mrs. Col-

dinner.

The trip was suggested by Secretary Gage, who believed that the opportunity to see this wonderful work of the action of arges should not be neglected by the President and Mrs. McKinley. who have never been there before.

The President is still resting quietly. To-day he walked about the roadways with Secretary Gage, both in the fore-noon and again after luncheon. His medicinal bath under the direction of Dr. Rixey, occurred during the mornins. Official business has been very light, the signing of see commissions for postmasters and army promotions being the extent of these duties to-dag.

Mr. McKinley has not availed himself of the drives about the mountains from certain points of which the scenery is lay he walked about the roadway

of the drives mout the mountains from certain points of which the scenery is grand, on account of Mrs. McKinley's indisposition. It has been on her account that he has kept so closely to his rooms. The change to this high altitude affected her for a day or so, but she is feeling so well to-night that the run to Natural Bridge which had been held in abeyance, was decided upon.

REV. DR. BRIGGS

Will be Ordained a Priest in the Eniscopal Church on Sunday, Despite all Protests. NEW YORK, May 12.-Bishop Potter ave out the following formal notice to

ortho Rev. Dr. Briggs and the Rev Charles Snedeker will be ordained on the day officially appointed by the bishop of New York, May 14, at the Pro-Cathedral, Staunton street, New York, at 10:45 a. m. The Rev. George W. Douglass will preach the ordination sermon. The Rev. Dr. Cornellus B. Smith will present Dr. Briggs and the

Rev. Dr. George Francis Nelson will present Mr. Snedeter.

Bishop Potter chose the pro-Cathedral as the place for the ordination because Dr. Briggs had esked to be assigned to work there, and will work there in the future."

The Churchman of this week says The sensitional stories that have ap-peared in the daily press with regard to the ordination of Dr. Briggs, suggests the necessity of a right judgment in the

"The Rev. Dr. Briggs was ordained to "The Rev. Dr. Briggs was ordained to the deaconate last year, having met all canonical requirements, and after having been recommended by a standing committee composed of the Revs. Drs. Morgan Dix, Thomas R. Harris, Octavius Applesate and J. S. Shipman, and Messrs. Stephen P. Nash, G. MacCaulloch Miller, S. Nicholson Kane and Herman C. Van Post, he had met all the requirements for advancement to the priesthood and has been recommended again by this same committee, with only one change in its composition, Mr. George Senbriskle having been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Nash,
"Many persons have been disturbed by passages quoted in the dally papers from Dr. Richor Linguist Land by papers

by passages quoted in the daily papers from Dr. Briggs' late book. It is only fair to state that most of these passages appear to be wrested from their true setting."

DEWEY MAY START FOR HOME

Immediately on Receiving the Permission Telegraphed him by Secretary Long.

IS NOT REQUIRED TO WAIT

Until the Philippine Commission Closes its Work or Hostilities Cease.

PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE

For Command of Pacific Squadron Until Admiral Watson, his

WASHINGTON, May 12.- "Send Olympia's mail to B. F. Stevens, No. 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England, was the notice given out at the navy department to-day. This is the first formal indication that the famous flagship s coming home immediately.

Upon inquiry it was ascertained that Secretary Long had last evening cabled Admiral Dewey permission to return at once to the United States. He has been relieved of the obligation of remaining at Manila until the Philippine commission completes its work. He is not even equired to await the cessation of hostilities, but may start homeward at once. The notice posted at the navy department indicates that the Olympia will not remain long enough to receive the next outward meil. Mr. Stevens. referred to, is the navy department's agent at London to distribute all of the nail for United States warships in Euopean waters, so he will see to it that the Olympia receives her's as soon as she passes the Suez canal.

It is estimated at the navy department that Dewey will reach the United States in time for the national demonstration on the 4th of July next. The Olympia will not come under full steam, but, nevertheless she should make the run to New York in about fifty-five days from Manila.

To Come to New York.

That she is to come to New York is nearly certain, as shown by the following response made by Secretary Long to the urgent message of invitation to Dewey from Mayor Van Wyck of New York. It may be stated that this was sent before the notice was sent to Dewey that he might come home at once:

Washington, May 11. Sir:-I am in receipt of your telegram with regard to the return of Admiral Dewey, and expressing a desire that he arrive first in the country at New York. The time of his return has not been fixed, and the department has taken no other action than to authorize his return whenever the condition of the peace commission shall permit. As to the route he shall take in returning the department is inclined to leave that to him. He served with great abitity, and must necessarily feel so much the effect of his ardurous labors in a trying climate, and under trying circumstances that the department is disposed to let him govern himself in this respect largely by the consideration of his own personal convenience and wish. It is understood, however, that Admiral Dewey will elect to return to New York.

Very respectfully, JOHN D. LONG, Secretary.

Hon, Robert R. Van Wyck

Mayor of the city of New York. Admiral Watson will sail from San Francisco next Tuesday, as a passenper on one of the regular Pacific Mail teamships, but cannot possibly reach Mantla before the middle of June

In order to provide for the direction of naval affairs in Asiatic waters beween the dates of Admiral Dewey's departure and the arrival of Rear Admiral Watson, orders have been issued placing Captain A. S. Barker in command of the Asiatic squadron after Admiral Dewey's departure until relieved by Rear Admiral Watson. Captain Barker is now in command of the battleship Oregon, the pride of the navy, and next to Admiral Devey is the senfor officer on the station. He is an officer of ability and discretion and may se depended on to take good care of the Interests of the United States.

Wants Rest and Quiet.

CHICAGO, May 13.-Judging from the vording of a cablegram received to-day from Admiral Dewey by the Illinois Manufacturers Association, the health of the admiral, despite medical assurance to the contrary, is none of the best To this fact is due his probable return by way of the Sucz canal instead of the acilic coast route. The message is as follows:

Illinois Manufacturers Association, Chi-

Many thanks. Impossible to accept nvitation now. Condition of health ecessitates rest and quiet.

(Signed) DEWEY. The cablegram was in reply to one sent by the association asking the admiral to become its guest upon his return to this country and strongly urging ipon him the advisability of coming by way of San Francisco and across the

Want to Know Their Status HAVANA, Mny 12-Spaniards of Cuban birth are anxiously awaiting a decision of the question of their eligibility to register as foreigners. El Comercio.

referring to the ninth article of the treaty would exclude all except natives on the peninsula and the journal quoted expresses the belief that the American government will not compel acceptance of that principler

WHEELING, W. VA., SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1899.

FACTIONAL FIGHT

In Republican Ranks in Cuyahoga County Results in Three Delegations to Stote Convention.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 12 .- As the esult of factionalism in the party three delegations will be sent by Cuya loga county to the Republican convention in Columbus, June 1. Two years ago Mayor McKlsson obtained ontrol of the county convention, and the anti-McKisson men retired, and held one of their own. Each convenheld one of their own. Each conven-tion appointed a committee of fifteen to take charge of the party manage-ment in the county. The board of elections, appointees of Mayor McKis-son, recognized the McKisson commit-tee, but the other continued at work, and was one of the forces that defeat-ed McKisson for re-election-this spring. The McKisson committee has called for caucuses, and a convention to choose delegates to the state convention the latter part of this month. The chair-man of the anti-McKisson committee, J. W. Holcomb, proposed to appoint an-

delegates to the state convention the latter part of this month. The chairman of the anti-McKisson committee, J. W. Holcomb, proposed to appoint another set of delegates direct, believing the state convention would seat them and reject the McKisson men.

Holcomb is anti-McKisson, and has lately become anti-Hanna as well, and naturally an anti-Holcomb element arose. Holcomb controlled a majority in his committee until yesterday, when his opponents won over two of his men and forced a meeting, which was held last night. Holcomb and five members withdrew from the meeting, and gave out a list of delegates, which had been appointed by a sub-committee previously authorized by the whole committee. The nine remaining members, having a quorum, continued their meeting until long after midnight, deposed Holcomb as chairman, and elected Walter F. Thompson in his place.

Holcomb at once forwardet his list of delegates to Chairman Hulling, of the state central committee, and these will undoubtedly be the ones admitted by

of delegates to Chairman Huling, of the state central committee, and these will undoubtedly be the ones admitted by him to the floor of the convention, as he and Holcomb are strong advocates of the nomination of Harry Daugherty for governor. The contesting delega-tions will be the McKisson delegation, which is composed of Hanna men. The Hanna men believe the committee on credentia's will oust the Holcomb del-egation and seat theirs.

A QUEER TRAGEDY.

Mobile man Spills his Blood on West

Virginia Soll.

MANNINGTON, W. Va., May 12.-man and woman registering as M. L. McMillan and B. D. Holland, of Mobile Ala., arrived here to-day. Accompan ied by a driver they drove to Joetown, the woman getting out there, the two aaving quarreled all the way.

McMillan then drove to Line, Wetze ounty, where, before the driver could prevent, he shot himself dead. Before xpiring McMillan murmured: "Mobile! Oh what an awful trip!" ..

EXPRESSED NO EMOTION

Over his Atrocious Crimes - Mich igan's Monster Uncommunicative. HOWARD CITY, Mich., May 12. seph Harvey, murderer of his grandmother, uncle and wife, who also fa-tally wounded his father-in-law and tried to commit suicide, was taken to the county jail at Stanton to-day, after being arraigned before a justice of the peace. He waived examination and was

held for trial. The young man slept coundly all las night, and when questioned to-day by weeping relatives, he expressed no emotion over his atrocious crimes. He has tion over his atrocious crimes. He has given no evidence whatever of insanity, saying only that Pierson, his uncle, abused him and quarreled with him be-cause he had been driving Pierson's horse in the rain. He still insists that his dead uncle killed his grandmother and that he then killed his uncle out o revenge. He says he is sorry he killed his wife, but did it because he intended to kill himselt and didn't want her to live after he was gone. Aside from having a flery temper, Harvey was not known to have any vi-cious traits.

BEILSTEIN CASE Now in Jury's Hands-Verdict of In Cannot be Relieved at Present.

sanity is Expected. PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 12.-Th Bellstein murder case went to the fury late this afternoon, and court then adjourned until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow norning. The commonwealth rested its case at 10 o'clock this morning and George Elphinstone began the argument for the defense. The same strict. ness that has been observed since the trial began in regard to the admission of persons to the court room, prevailed to-day, and while a large crowd as-sembled about the doors, but few were

admitted, The defendant, Miss Bertha Bellstein, was composed, but wore a more serious expression than at any time since she was placed on trial.

A verdict for the defendant on the grounds of insanity is generally regard-ed as probable.

A Tip to Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12 .- Post master General Emory Smith has issued the following general order:

"Postmasters at presidential postoffices are required to give their person al attention to the business of their offices and must not absent themselves therefrom for a longer period than one or two days without authority granted upon written application to the depart-ment. A violation of this order will be deemed sufficient cause for remogal." Postmasters in some cities have been leaving much of the actual adminis-tration of their offices to their assist-

Not Taken Seriously.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.-The manifesto declaring the independence of Syria issued yesterday in New York, by the "Young Syria" junta, is not taken seriously in official quarters here, except as an evidence of the unrest which has prevalled among Turkish subjects living abroad, including the Syrians, Armenians and the Turks themselves, who conduct a revolution-ary organization known as "Young Turks."

Turks."
The reports from United States officers in Syria and of United States Minister Straus at Constantinople, have shown no recent uprising or discontent in Syria.

NEBRASKA REGIMENT'S FRESH TROOPS

To the Division Commander to Temporarily Relieve Them

PETITION

From Duty at the Front. THEY ARE BADLY EXHAUSTED

By Their Long Service in the Trenches, and Have Lost 225 men, Killed and Wounded.

THEY ARE WILLING TO FIGHT

And Only Want a Chance to Take a Rest and Recuperate Their Energies.

MANILA, May 8, via Hong Kong, May 12.—The First regiment Nebraska vol-unteer infantry is taking the unusual step of respectfully petitioning division commander, Major General MacArthur, to temporarily relieve them from duty at the front. The regiment is badly exhausted by the campaign in which it has taken an active part and not more than 300 men out of the organization are at present fit for duty. On Sunday last 160 men of this regiment responded to sick call.

The men, in view of the facts have prepared a respectful memorial to Gen. MacArthur asking that their regiment be withdrawn for a short time from the fighting line in order that they may recuperate. The memorial states that the men are willing to fight, but are in no condition to do so owing to the strain of long marching, continual fighting and outpost duty in which they have been engaged. It is added that many of the men have been unable to have their clothing washed for months past, having been compelled during all that time to sleep in their uniforms to be in readiness for fighting. The memorinl adds that since February 2nd the regiment has lost 225 men in killed and wounded, and 59 since the battle of Ma-

lolos. The officers of the regiment propo to present a similar memorial ombehalf of the men. The splendid record of the First Nebraska in the entire campaign and the tone of the memorial prepared by the men are such that no imputation of insubordination can be brought against them. Officers of the regiment said to the correspondent of the Asse clated Press here to-day that they thought that the men had been worke beyond endurance and should be given rest and some of the regular reg ments which are now guarding the city

Five volunteer regiments and the Utah battery of artillery are at San Fernando. They muster in all about 2,500 men. Many of the soldiers are in hospitals suffering from heat or other oauses. The wounded were all suffering acutely and showed the effects of exposure to the sun when they arrived Three days rest has already worked

Since the army entered Malolos the oldiers have had little water to drink except that which was brought on railway trains from Manila, and that was of poor quality. The artesian well at San Fernando is not doing much to ward making the men contented.

WASHINGTON COMMENT

On the Action of the Nebraska Voluners-Why Troops at the Fron

WASHINGTON, May 12 .- No dispatch ceived recently from Manila has been rend with deeper interest at the war de partment than that which was sent by the Associated Press via Hong Kong. War department officials and army offi cers did not care to be quoted upon the subject, but the comment generally among army officers was that the troops which had been fighting so long and ontinuously were exhausted and were really in need of rest. It was explained that the men did not fear fighting, but after fighting and marching and constant picket duty they were no doubt much exhausted.

Some army officers suggested that the action of the Nebraska regiment was like a town meeting, and that the army could not be conducted upon such lines Comment was made to the effect that the dispatches indicated that the various regiments were on duty constantly and that there was no reserve to re lieve them when they reached the limit of endurance.

It was stated by an officer in the department that one reason why it had been impossible to relieve the teers with the regulars now at Manila was because the regulars recently sent to the Philippines were at least two thirds recruits, and were necessarily untrained and lacked the discipline of the volunteers who are now veterans It is believed that General Otis does not care to risk the hard fighting to un trained men, and that he desires the volunteers to remain at the front be cause he is sure of them in any emer

British Claims at Hollo. LONDON, May 12.-In the house of

mmons to-day the Right Hon, Will iam St. John Broderick, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, replying to a question by Captain John St. Clair, radical member for Forfarshire, relative to destruction of British property by the bombardment of Hollo said that the government had ao information with regard to the intention of the United mill.

States to compensate traders. The question of these claims, the speaker said, are under consideration by the British government and will not be lost

Are Being Sent to the Front for Mac Arthur. MANILA, May 12, 4:30 p. m.-Fresh

roops are beginning to go to the front Two buttalions of the Seventeenth in-fantry (regulars) that had been holding the lines about the city of Manila will join Major General MacArthur's division at San Fernando to-morrow

division at San Fernando to-morrow, and one battallon of the same regiment will reinforce Major General Lawton's division near Bacolor. These troops will be replaced here by the Twenty-first infantry regiment, which arrived from the United States on board the transport Hancock on yesterday.

Captain Grant, of the Utah battery, whose success in managing the army gunboats Laguna de Bay and Cavington, has won for him the sobriquet of the "Dewey of the army" has been put in command of the recently purchased Spanish runboats whose arms the insurgents captured. These vessels are now being prepared for operations on the rivers and along the coast. The refitting and arming of the gunboats is being pushed with all diligence.

With a Grain of Sail.

With a Grain of Salt. NEW YORK, May 12,-A special to the World from Hot Springs, Va., says "Force the fighting. Penetrate far in-

"Force the fighting, Penetrate far into the interior and capture or destroy every warring Filipino."

That is the pith of a long cipher cablegram President McKiniey sent to General Otis in Manila. It was prompted by several dispatches from General Otis, transmitted by Secretary Alger, which greatly encouraged the President.

Filipino Congress Divided.

LONDON, May 12 .- A special dispatch ceived here to-day from Manile, says that the Filipino congress now sitting that the Filipino congress now sitting at San Isidro, is composed of fifty-six members, of whom twenty-five favor peace and an equal number are irreconcilides. The others, holding the balance of power, are ready to admit that an absolute independence is hopeless of attainment, but demand better terms at the hands of the United States.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TREATY.

The Negotiations Between This Coun try and Canada, it is Said, will be Amicably Terminated.

LONDON, May 12 .- With reference to he progress of negotiations by and the status of the Washington joint commission, the correspondent here of the Associated Press has obtained from the highest quarters the following authori-tative statement: Negotiations have never been broken off nor endangered at any time since the adjournment of he commission. If matters proceed as moothly as they are at present doing ere, Sir Julian Pauncefote's return to Washington will be signalized by the conclusion of a treaty embracing every question in dispute in a manner honorible and pleasing to the two countries,

WASHINGTON, May 12. - Due notice ns been taken by the officials here of the semi-official declaration from Lon-lon respecting the chances for the conclusion of a treaty that will settle all of the questions at issue between the United States and Canada.

all of the questions at issue between the United States and Canada. All that can be said is that the administration will be extremely gratified if Sir Julian Pauncefote returns to the United States with new instructions that will meet the difficulties which baffled the first commission, for as matters stand, it is realized that nothing can be expected to result from a further meeting of the commission. The statement that the negotiations are to be deferred until the return of Sir Julian Pauncefote to Washington is regarded as significant. It confirms fully the original statement that the commission cannot meet August 2 next, for the ambassador's return to this country was set for next autumn. The dispatch also appears to convey an intimation that the British government has about reached the conclusion that the only method by which these vexations issues can be adjusted is by direct negotiation between the representatives of the government of Great Brittain and of the United States. The parties to the negotiation up to this point have before expressed perfect confidence in their ability to reach a satisfactory agreement between themselves in a very short period of time, if allowed to do as they believed to be right. factory agreement between themselves in a very short period of time, if allow-ed to do as they believed to be right. e glad to be relieved the intervening forces.

FOUR MEN KHALED

By the Slide of a Culm Bank at Cen tralia, Pa., Mines. SHAMOKIN, Pa., May 12,-Four men vere instantly killed to-day, by a slidof a portion of a large culm bank of Centralia. Five others are missing and are probably dead. Several were badly injured. The four bodies recovere were so badly disfigured that it was lifficult to identify them. The accident occurred while a large number of Hun occurred while a large number of Hun-garlans were screening coal in the Cen-tralia breaker. The big bank of coal refuse towered high above when it was seen to quiver and collapse, completely burying the workmen. A rescuing force immediately started to work and after two hours' labor had succeeded in re-covering the four bodles. Two Hungar-lans were found wedged in between piles of timbers. They were badly dis-figured.

The killed are: James Gagham, aged thirty-five, married; John Koko, aged twenty-nine, single; Joseph Stanche, aged thirty-two, married; John Cony-ock, aged forty, married. The five missing men were subsequently found uninjured.

QUO WARRANTO PROCEEDINGS Instituted Against American Ti

Plate Company, at Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, O., May 12.-County resecuting Attorney Schwartz to-day filed a quo warranto sult against the alleged trust known as the American Tin Plate Company. The Cincinnati Milling & Tin Plate Company is made defendant. It is alleged that this com-pany has given an option of purchase to the American Tin-Plate Company, through F. S. Wheeler, their agent, for through F. S. Wheeler, their agent, for \$195,000. It is alleged that the inventor of the Cincinnati company shows on of the Cincinnati company shows only \$40,000. The prosecutor alleges that the ombination amounts to a restriction trade and is in violation of law.

Big Steel Purchase.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 12,-The American Steel Hoop Company has just purchased over 160,000 tons of steel, far ase during the second half of the year. Thirty thousand tons of this amount is to be used in the Pittsburgh mills, It is said that the price paid was \$25 at the

SUDDEN DEATH OF GOV. FLOWER

Last Night at the Eastport Country Club, Long Island, After a Brief Illness.

FINANCIER AND POLITICIAN.

Tremendous Winnings in Wall Street ... Was one of the Founders of Federal Steel Trust

NEW YORK, May 12.-Former Gov

rnor Roswell P. Flower died to-night at 10:30 o'clock at the Eastport Country Club, at Eastport, L. I. Mr. Flower was taken ill early in the day with a evere atack of acute indigestion. In the afternoon symptoms of heart failure supervened and he grew steadily worse until the time of his death. The attack of heart failure was accompanied by a fainting spell and Mr. Flower's family in New York City were quickly notified. Mrs. Flower and the former governor's nephew, Frederick S. Flower, accompanied by Dr. Thomas H. Allen, Mr Flower's physician, left at once on a special train for Eastport. When they arrived there Mr. Flower had somewhat ecovered, but to-night the attack of beart failure was marked and Mr. Flower became unconscious an hour or

more before his death. Frederick S. Flower took charge of the details attending his death, but no arrangements for the funeral have yet been made. The body will probably be morning.

Roswell Pettibone Flower, was born in Thersa, Jefferson county, N. Y., Au-

Mr. Flower was chosen chairman of the Democratic state committee in 1877 and in 1881 he defeated William Waldorf Astor for Congress after a hot campaign in the Eleventh district. His majority was 3,100, while Levi P. Morton, Republican, had carried it at the last previous election by more than 7,000 votes. He refused a renomination. He was elected governor of the state in

1891. Mr. Flower took up Brooklyn Rapid Transit less than two years ago, buy-ing from 20,000 to 30,000 shares at 25 when the capital stock was only \$25. 600,600. He absorbed many subordinate lines, among them the Nassau Electric Company, and increased the capital stock to \$45,000,000 and by his extraordinarily successful manipulation, put the price up to 137. His holdings in Brook. lyn Rapid Transit alone, which cost him two years ago little more than \$500 000 are worth at to-day's price more than \$3,000,000.

Mr. Flower was one of the founders of the Federal Steel Trust, whose stock already issued is \$99,737,899. Good authorities estimate that Mr. Flower's profits in the last eighteen months in Wall street have exceeded \$10,000,000. He had become in that time the scknowledged speculative leader in the financial market of the United States.

Mr. Flower married Sarah M. Woodruff, a daughter of Morris M. Woodruff of Watertown, on December 26, 1859. Three children were born, of whom only one survives, Emma Gertrude, who is the wife of John B. Taylor, Mr. Flower has been for years one of the wardens of St. Thomas Episcopa church, in Fifth avenue.

THE CUIGNET AFFAIR. The Major Cashiered for Divulging

Contents of Certain Letters. PARIS, May 12 .- At a sitting of the calfinet council in the palace of the Ely-40-day, the president, M. Loubet, on the suggestion of the minister of wor. M. Camille Krantz, signed a decree, cashiering Major Cuignet on ac-

count of his having divulged to the

Petit Journal the contents of certain letters. Rene Viviani, Radical Socialist, questioned the government regarding the letters published in the Petit Journal. in reply the minister of war, M. Krantz, said that Major Cuignet came spontaneously to him and confessed that he gave the letters to a friend who had communicated them to the Petit Jour-nal, M. Deleasse, minister of foreign affairs, said that the letters as publish-ed were garbled and mutilated. Amid ministed cheers and hisses M. Delease explained his own position in the mat-ter and asserted that Major Cuignet, as a member of the war office, had pugned the good faith of the foreign fice in certain matters. He (M. Del-casse) therefore wrote to M. De Freydinet, the then minister of war, askin apologies from the war office and sho

ing that Major Cuignet's accusation were unfounded.

The impression gained from M. Del-casse's speech was that M. De Freyci-net resigned the war portfolio instead of maiding reparation.

The discussion in the chamber of denuties ended with a war-The discussion in the chamber of leputies ended with a vote of confi-tence in the government, 389 to 64.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION Of Chemical Works in England

Spreads Great Disaster. LONDON, May 12.- A fearful explosion occurred to-day at Kurtz's chemial works, St. Helens, Luncaster county. killing four persons and seriously injuring twenty others. Fire broke out in the chlorate house and a large quar tity of chlorate exploded, causing much tity of chlorate exploded, causing much destruction. Subsequently the boiler exploded and the whole works were razed. The town was strewn with debris, and most of the buildings in the place were damaged. Total loss was about £109,600.

Elighty tons of chlorate exploded. Vitriol which streamed into the sewers spread devastation. The gas works were badly damaged and the gasometer which contained 250,000 cuble feet of gas, had a hole burned in its top. The escaping gas took fire and the dames were seen for miles.

TREND OF TRADE.

Decline in Industrials has no Rela tion to Productive Industry - Vol ume of Business Larger than any Former "Prosperity" Years.

NEW YORK, May 12 .- R. G. Dun & o.'s weekly review of trade will say: To speak truly of business this week one must free the mind of stocks. For a severe decline in manufacturing stocks has created an impression that it has some relation to productive industry, but it has none. There was no change in the money market worth mentioning and the volume of business shown by payments through the principal clearing houses was 71.5 per cent larger than in 1892, the year of greatest prosperity bitherto, which is more han double the gain anybody consider-

ed possible a year ago. Never before reaching a quarter of a million tons per week the iron manufacuture reports May 1st an output of 250,095 tons weekly, which with 54,455 decrease in warrant and furnace stocks indicates a consumption of 37,332 tons dally against 37,635 in March, 34,871 in February and 36,834 in January. The average for four months is 37,027 tons daily against 32,209 last year. An increase of 16 per cent in the year would be less interesting if consumption a year ago were not far beyond anything previously realized. Yet proposed combinations hinder large orders in bars and sheets, while the structural business is as heavy as ever in small lots with big contracts about to come at Chicago for the drainage canal; and the plate business too big for all the works to handle, invites no consolidation, Chicago and Philadelphia works being behind in deliveries and Pittsburgh works troubled by demands for 4,000 tons vessel plates and 4,000 more close ahead for the govrnment docks at Algiers.

Only Pig Iron Advanced. Only pig fron advanced, Bessemer 50

ents and gray forge 25 cents at Pittsburgh and local pig 50 cents at Chicago. In minor metals tin declined with London to 25.3 cents and copper is weaker at 19 cents for spot and 181/2 for futures. Greater than in any previous year by 9.7 per cent, the actual shipments of boots and shoes from the east reflect a heavy business with a general advance in prices. Hides at Chicago rise about per cent with actual receipts of cattle in four months 100,000 head less than last year and over 200,000 smaller than in 1893-'4, notwithstanding the gain in population. Cotton is a shade stronger at 6.25 cents, with government and other evidence that the reports of the decrease in acreage have been somewhat exaggerated. Mills are employed throughout and a single sale of over-a million pieces print cloths gives great

assurance to the market. Wool Prices Advanced.

Nobody who has studied statistics can tell why purchases of a million pounds australian wool in bond for export this week following others in previous weeks should advance prices of wool, nor were purchases of 5,000,000 pounds territory vool by a speculator readily explainable. But it is just the time for growers to ask all they can hope to get, and just when the largest manufacturers were ready to buy only the smaller are buying. Prices are said to have been mands from the interior holders. But t remains a question whether sales of 10,499,000 pounds for the week against 5,369,550 in 1892 and only a little more in 1897 will prove profitable. The martet for woolen goods is waiting for evidences of demand which do not yet ap-

combinations into working order causes ome hesitation.

pear and the delay in getting the nev

Unreliable Estimates. If government estimates were considered reliable, one based on entirely unknown acreage of wheat and cotton with official returns pointing to a great decrease in winter wheat production, the price dropped 1 cent and cotton declined for options, though retaining the advance of a sixteenth for spot which vas established before the government report appeared. Nobody can base a ensible estimate on a statement of condition which takes no account of the screage of winter wheat killed and abandoned. The best that can be said is that worse returns were expected in both markets, so that the government

Fallures for the week have been 165 in the United States against 246 last year, and 20 in Canada against 24 last year.

report had practically no influence.

Dead in Twenty Minutes.

TOWANDA, Pa., May 12,-Harriet Jackson, aged twenty-three years, committed suicide this evening, by swal-lowing seven grains of strychnine, The young woman had been arrested for forging her mother's name to a check and it was while seated at a table op posite the constable who made the ar-rest that she placed the poison in her mouth, stating it was for headache. In twenty minutes she was dead.

Hocking Valley Election. NEW YORK, May 12.-At a meeting

of the new Hocking Valley Railway Company held in this city recently, the following directors were elected: P. H. Costr. Temple Bowdoin, Thomas Ryan, C. B. Alexander, R. M. Calway, of New York; N. Monserrat, P. W. Huntington, of Columbus, Ohlo, and Myron T. Herrick, of Cleveland, M. Monserrat was elected president. Weather Forecast for To-day.

Weather Forecast for 10-111.

For Sainchay: Showers Saturday; winds becoming westerly; Sunday, fair.

For Wastern Pennsylvania: Showers and cooler Sturday, winds shitting to brisk westerly. Sunday, fair.

For Ohler Showers Saturday, with cooler in northern portions; brisk southerly, shitting to westerly, winda. Sunday, fair.

Local Temperature. Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday, as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner Market and Fourieenth streets, was as follows: